

STANDING FIRM

1 Peter 3:8-12

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For

“Whoever desires to love life

and see good days,

let him keep his tongue from evil

and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,

and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

How to Study the Bible

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask “Why does this matter?”

- 3) "Finally, all of you" – who is Peter referring to?
- 4) What are believers supposed to have according to verse 8? Can you honestly say that you have these things? Spend a few minutes thinking about this.
- 5) What does it mean to repay evil for evil in verse 9?
- 6) According to verse 9, what are you called to? Why are you called to it?
- 7) What do verses 10 and 11 say about how to love life?
- 8) What is the motivation for living out verses 10 and 11? (Hint: Look at the next verse)
- 9) Notice the difference between the eyes of the Lord and the face of the Lord in verse 12. The "eyes of the Lord" refers to his omnipresence and that He always sees the deeds of those who are righteous. On the contrary, the "face of the Lord" represents his judgment and disapproval towards evil. Remember, 1 Peter was written to persecuted believers. How would this verse provide comfort for them in the midst of persecution?
- 10) God is still omniscient today and sees all that you do. How should this change the way you live your life each day?
- 11) According to this passage, how are you to respond to someone who persecutes you for your faith?
- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?